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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Wezel et al.

**Serial No.:** 09/749,185

**Filed:** December 26, 2000

**For:** REDUCING BRANCHING AND  
ENHANCING FRAGMENTATION IN  
CULTURING FILAMENTOUS  
MICROORGANISMS

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In response to the Final Office Action of December 8, 2004, please amend the referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 5.